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TAGS: PINS, HA

SUBJECT: REPORTED PLANS TO ASSASSINATE DUVALIER

1. SEPTEL REPORTS THAT AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT DUVALIER MAY BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH CELEBRATIONS OF DUVALIER'S BIRTHDAY JULY 3.

2. WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE THE ACCURACY OF THIS REPORT, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT COUP OR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS IN HAITI ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN WIDESPREAD BLOODSHED, A PERIOD OF CHAOS, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, A NEW REGIME AS REPRESSIVE OR MORE SO THAN THAT NOW IN POWER.

3. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD INFORM DUVALIER THAT WE HAVE REPORT OF A POSSIBLE SECRET

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ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MENTION ANY NAMES, OR OTHER DETAILS, BUT YOU MAY SAY THE ATTEMPT COULD OCCUR SOON, POSSIBLY JULY 3. IN INFORMING DUVALIER, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THE REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED. WHILE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES MIGHT BE IN ORDER, WE HOPE ANY GOVERNMENT REACTION TO THIS REPORT WILL ALSO BE CONSISTENT

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